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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

ATTENTION : Assistant for Resources/ DD/A

FROM : [REDACTED]
Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT : Coordination of the Agency RD&E Program

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1. This Office has already gone through the first two months of Program Review as outlined in the DDS&T memorandum on this subject, dated 20 February 1976.

2. We have found that the working level exchanges and Working Group meetings with representatives of the Office of Research and Development are providing both sides with the opportunity to communicate effectively and forestall some of the misunderstandings which have arisen in the past.

3. We have not had this same degree of exchange with the Office of Technical Service. This will be discussed in our quarterly meeting with that Office (and ORD) which will be held on 8 March.

4. As of this time, the procedure seems to be working and this Office has no suggestions concerning the DDS&T RD&E coordination process. There is, however, one procedural suggestion which has been made by the Office of Technical Service and concurred in by the Office of Research and Development, which would make OTS the single conduit through which this Office would send its RD&E requirements to the DDS&T and receive back such things as prioritized project listings and budget results. We have been assured that this procedure will not affect direct Working Group relationships with ORD and, if it works, this Office certainly has no objections if the DDS&T desires to establish one RD&E focal point within that Directorate.

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5. Considering the personalities involved at the present time, there is no discernible reason why this system will not work, but this Office has had difficult relationships with OTS in the past and with a change of participants, this could happen again.

6. It is suggested, therefore, that Mr. McMahon explore the focal point issue with the A/DDS&T in an effort to determine whether this is the most efficient way of communicating the RD&E requirements of this Office, or whether a more formalized conduit such as the Chief, Research and Development Staff of the DDS&T would be preferable.

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